

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

[01] This application makes reference to, claims priority to, and claims the benefit of: United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/432,472, ~~(Attorney Docket No. 44185US01-01001P-BP-2800)~~ filed December 11, 2002; United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/443,894, ~~(Attorney Docket No. 44274US01-01002P-BP-2801)~~ filed January 30, 2003; United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/457,179, ~~(Attorney Docket No. 44825US01-01015P-BP-2831)~~ filed March 25, 2003; and United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/443,895, ~~(Attorney Docket No. 44279US01-01008P-BP-2806)~~ filed January 30, 2003.

[30] Fig. 1A is a block diagram of a media exchange network 20 that may be utilized to support program production in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. Referring to Fig. 1A, the media exchange network (MEN) 20 of Fig. 1A may include a first PC 1 and a first media processing system (MPS) 2, which may be situated at a first location, such as a user's home 3[[03]]. The media exchange network 20 may also include a communication infrastructure 4, external processing hardware support 5, and remote media storage 6. A second PC 7 may be situated at a second location, which may be a remote location 8, such as an office. A third location, such as a Parent's home 10, may include a media processing system 9. The media exchange network 20 may be a secure, closed network environment that may only be accessible to pre-defined users or subscribers and/or service providers. Notwithstanding, the invention may not be limited in this regard, and at least a portion of the network and/or services provided by the network may be publicly accessible.

[35] The external processing hardware support 5 may include at least one server, such as a centralized [[1]]Internet server, a media exchange server, a peer-to-peer server, or a cable headend. Notwithstanding, functions provided by the server may

alternatively be distributed over various hosts or remote PC's. The media exchange software platform 11 may also reside on the external processing hardware support server 5. The remote media storage 6 may include user media storage and distribution systems 13 and/or third party media storage and distribution systems 14.

[46] Fig. 2A is a diagram illustrating the generation of metadata during the personal media program production of Fig. 1B and Fig. 1C using a media exchange software platform 201, in accordance with various aspects of the present invention. Referring to Fig. 2A, the media exchange ~~server~~software platform 201 may receive as inputs, the selected media program content 202 and the production instructions 203. The media exchange platform 201 may operate on the media program content 202 according to the production instructions 203, and, accordingly, generate the modified media program content 204 and the associated[[,]] updated metadata 200.